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REMARKS

The applicants note with appreciation the acknowledgement of the claim for priority under section 119 and the notice that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

The applicants acknowledge and appreciate receiving an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 that was filed on 5 February 2004.

Claims 7-11 are pending. Claims 1-6 have been canceled. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 2 was objected to for informalities. Claim 2 has been canceled and will not be discussed.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakai *et al.* Claims 1-6 have been canceled and will not be discussed.

Claims 1 and 4-6 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakai *et al.* in view of Roberts, Jr. *et al.* Claims 1 and 4-6 have been canceled and will not be discussed.


New claims 7-11 recite a method of transporting (or of transferring) a semiconductor sensor. The patent to Sakai *et al.* fails to disclose or suggest the subject matter of new claims 7-11. That is, the patent to Sakai *et al.* fails to disclose or suggest a method in which a collet chuck with a plurality of tips is employed to contact suction portions of a substrate in a transport method.

Further, the patent to Roberts, Jr. *et al.* fails to disclose or suggest a substrate structure that is used for holding the substrate with suction, nor is a method of transport disclosed by Roberts, Jr. *et al.* Therefore, even if the patent to Roberts, Jr. *et al.* is combined with Sakai *et al.*, the combination would lack the features of claims 7 and 10.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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